Five-Year Plan periods on account of drive against illiteracy in the country and the amount actually utilised?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOP MENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) According to 1981 census the illiteracy rate was 63.77 per cent and there were about 42.45 crore illi terate persons in the country (exclud ing Assam) in all age-groups. The literacy data is collected through the census operation and the position re garding literacy will be known after the next census which is due to be held in 1991.

(b) Of Rs. 92.81 crores earmarked under Central Sector for Adult Education Programme during Sixth Plan, Rs. 92.13 crores has been utilised. Of Rs. 201.50 crores earmarked under Central Sector during first three years of Seventh Plan, Rs. 95.33 crores have been utilised upto September, 1987.

Inquiry into DTC Medical Reimbursement Racket

453. SHRIMATI KRISHNA KAUL: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether inquiry regarding medical reimbursement of D.T.C. staff involving crores of rupees has been completed;

(b) if so, the details of the action taken; and

(c) if the answer to part (a)' above be in the negative, the reasons for the delay?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) to (c) The inquiry in these cases *is* in progress. The reason for time taken in these cases is the voluminous work involving scrutiny of large number of documents and persons which require considerable time.

Joint Group on Second Hooghly Bridge

454. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to refer to the reply to Unstarred Question No. 1258 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 29th April, 1987 and state:

(a) whether monitoring by the Joint Group has since given any progress report to Government in regard to Second Hooghly Bridge;

(b) whether the work is progress ing as per schedule; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) The High Powered Committee of Directions on Second Hooghly Bridge consisting of very senior officers of the State Government of West Bengal and from the concerned Ministries of the Government of India is reviewing the progress regularly.

(b) and (c) There have been some slippages. Efforts are, however, being made by the State Government to make them up.

Railway accidents

455. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total number of rail accidents occurred in the last three years (upto date);

(b) the number of persons killed and how many were injured in the last three years, year-wise; and

(c) what steps Railways are pro posing to ensure the safety of passen gers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) Year-wise break-up of train acci-